

**Amendment and Response**

Applicant: Mercedes E. Gill et al.

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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the title in the Abstract with the following rewritten title.

APPARATUS AND METHODOLOGY FOR AN ~~INFINIBAND~~-INPUT PORT OF  
A SWITCH THAT SUPPORTS CUT-THROUGH OPERATION WITHIN THE SWITCH